

Maidenhead

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My dear Sir

I am glad you like my gift; and flattered with your approbation of my reprinting propensities.

As you left off with No 2 of my Merc. Tracts, and I hoped you would rejoin, I have always kept in reserve a set for you, recollecting that you were one of my earliest encouragers.

I will send them to you, if you wish it; and as each is marked with the cost, you

can add up the sum, and
send me the money.

As for "local public af-
fairs", they never trouble me:
I refuse to mix myself up
with them; & when, five or six
years ago, they wanted to put
my name in the Commission,
I declined the offer. This was
in Lord Campbell's time.

I liked your communi-
cations to N & I very much:
they were exactly suited to the
place & to the occasion.

Yours very sincerely
J. Payne Collier

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* I do not even chuse to vote at an Election; I have not polled ever since I travelled 180 miles to help Lord Russell into the City: he then came in by only 8 votes, if I remember rightly: This was about 30 years ago.

* I do not even know the
name of the person who
was killed over a year ago
about 180 miles to the west
of the mouth of the Gulf of Mexico
in the State of Texas, I do
not know the name of the
person who was killed
about 30 years ago.